

Report for 2024 Annual Australian Kimber Run.

Once again this year the weather gods smiled down on us as the forecast rain never materialised where ever we happened to be at the time, or maybe our Cecil was keeping a watch over us from on high. The end result was a slightly cloudy day with lots of sunshine and NO RAIN. Thanks go to Johns Coffee Run for the starting caffeine fix and snacks, clearly appreciated judging by the queues, Leon and Fay Rosenzweig and Heather Burke for getting everyone signed in and supplied with their goodie bags with run kits, Lynden and Christine Burns for their early arrival with the MG teardrop banners, identifying the start location, and Steve Bowra, for transporting and setting up the PA System. After much socialising, a drivers briefing and some kind words of wisdom from our President, Stephen Marlow, the run itself got under way shortly after 9.00am.



Our journey started out at the West Beach Parks recreation grounds carpark and travelled via Flagstaff Hill. Clarendon, McLaren Flat and Maslins Beach to our morning tea stop at the Aldinga Football Club. Our thanks go out to Alison and her crew for the generous spread of cakes and scones etc. Way more than we could consume. Meanwhile out in the carpark, who was that lady that drove her plastic SUV into the back of Alan and Ros Fowerakers immaculate black MG B? Not too bad eh Alan. Plastic verses steel. Guess who the biggest loser was.



After the morning tea refreshment stop we headed out towards the only official course detour at Willunga, courtesy of the billy cart racing down High Street, although several of our group were seen to be heading up Sellicks Hill. Whoops!! Guess they blamed their navigators, and a few more missed turns along the way still found everyone arrive at The Encounter Bay Recreation grounds for lunch. Or was that nearly everyone? Our symapthys go out John and Sue Davies, whose 1954 TF decided to refuse to proceed beyond the top of Willunga Hill with a seized up engine. Home on the back of a tow truck. I'm sure many of us, including your organiser, have experience such misbehaving MG's and know the feeling. The majority seemed to enjoy the chosen route, especially the Sawpit Road section which was new to most, and several compliments during lunch seemed to confirm that the route and scenery was well received.



On arrival for lunch, the queue at the bar was testament to all the effort of getting there, and after a leisurely socialising period everyone found their allocated seating and the food began arriving. This was an amazing effort by Don Rumbelow and his team, due to their contracted caterers parting company with the Club shortly before our event. They still managed to get nearly a hundred and eighty meals to the right people, even if a little drawn out for some. During proceedings your Club President thanked the organisers and introduced our new Club Patron, Peter Cundy, who in his first official Club role gave a summary of his recent exploits in England.

Around three o'clock people began heading home, and we came across four other MG's returning along the same section Southern Expressway as we were using. MG's everywhere today getting toots and waves from those on the sidelines who appreciate the marque, and maybe wish it was them.

In addition to the volunteers already mentioned, our Thanks go to Graham Byass, who trial ran the route and supplied feedback prior to the day, our treasurer Alan Cardnell for processing the continual stream of entry fees, our Secretary Berry Treffers for the use of his book binding machine and delivering the direction arrow cards on the day, and a special thanks to Heather for her assistance and for tolerating me during the last three months while planning and organising this event. Without all these helpers and providers your Annual Kimber Run could not proceed.

We trust you all enjoyed your 2024 Run and look forward to seeing you all again for the 2025 edition of our own Annual Australian Kimber Run.